

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5, 14 and 47-61 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 9 and 11-13 to read as follows. A marked-up version of those claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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Amended #1

1. ~~(Four Times Amended)~~ A document processing system comprising:
document retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;
candidate folder selecting means for selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and
notifying means for providing notification of the candidate folders selected by said candidate folder selecting means,
wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

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Amended #3

4. ~~(Four Times Amended)~~ A document processing system comprising:
judging means for judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged by said judging means;

and

notifying means for providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated by said similarity order calculating means,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

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9. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising

the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;

selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing notification of the candidate folders selected in said selecting step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

10. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

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11. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting a plurality of folders from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

providing notification of the folders selected in said selecting step, wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

12. (Four Times Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

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retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;
selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and
providing notification of the candidate folders selected in said selecting step,
wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

13. (Four Times Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:
judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;
calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and
providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step,
wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.